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COMMERCIAL CLUB GIVES LUNCHEON

Wednesday evening despite the falling of snow and the severe cold weather, thirty-two of Snyder's business men gathered at the Manhattan hotel for a discussion of the needs at this time for Snyder in the way of better school facilities.

At 7:45 the dining room doors were thrown open and the guests took their places at the various tables and after prayer by Rev. Fife, proceeded to refresh themselves with a two course luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Lykes know just how to prepare things for such an occasion.

After this part of the program had been completed, Judge W. S. Adamson as Toast Master explained the purpose of the meeting, and called Hon. A. C. Wilmett to the floor as first speaker for the evening.

Mr. Wilmett by way of introduction stated that he was an optimist and that he had the vision of 1921 as our greatest year. He spoke at some length on optimism and then proceeded into a discussion of our school needs. The most important things of his discussion were that we should build a school building that would fit the requirements for many years, and that we should not fail to include in this building facilities that would elevate the physical side of our children's education, such as a gymnasium, and this to include a bathing place for both boys and girls and a covered basket ball court, etc.

The next speaker for the evening, Rev. Clyde Lee Fife of the Christian church, who said he was here to his part in the erection of a school building adequate to the needs have as a suggestion that we be to have an auditorium that would afford opportunity for outside entertainment to be presented.

His thought of individual responsibility should be considered by all. When this is done our difficulties will be surmounted. Mr. E. B. Barnes a former teacher in the Snyder schools, who is now esteemed post master was asked to give further expression. He voiced intense interest because of the interest in having his own children's education at stake in the undertaking.

Rev. J. H. Hicks of the Methodist church was certain that the mental and physical sides of our children should be cared for and that it was our obligation to them.

Prof. Hall our present superintendent was the next speaker and gave us many first-hand needs of our schools. He said he came to Snyder because of the needs we have here, feeling he could best serve his profession here in an endeavor to elevate our system of schools and that he was in the work for the joy of it.

Rev. S. W. Kendrick, pastor of the First Baptist church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was asked as a visitor to give some suggestions and he gave as his opinion there was a great future for Snyder, and all this great western country and the possibilities of our oil development made it essential we prepare for great things.

Miss Walker, state aid inspector for the State of Texas, being present in our city and also vitally interested in school betterment, was asked to attend the meeting, which she did, making all told 33 present at the luncheon.

She had visited our school property and after an inspection of its many defects expressed the hope that we would leave nothing undone until we had relieved the fearfulness of the condition.

The Toast Master then called for further discussion and Mr. Wilmett suggested a committee be appointed to begin work of arranging for a bond issue. Judge Adamson was of the opinion that an executive meeting of the Chamber of Commerce should attend to that part of the work.

Mr. O. P. Thrane concurred in the opinion and was heartily in favor of the needed improvements.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Kendrick and all went away enthusiastic over the outlook

for better things for Snyder schools in the near future.

Let us all with earnestness apply ourselves to this task and in the end Snyder schools will be the foremost in our section or any other section of the state or nation.

Tuesday morning a brisk norther came up and soon began to freeze. At night it sheeted with a little layer of snow. Wednesday the frozen snow sheet and rain had caused a slick coat over the ground and sidewalk that pedestrians found it uneasy walking. Wednesday night it came about an inch and a half snow. This will be of great benefit to wheat.

PANHANDLE WANTS SAME TIME AS REST OF TEXAS

Washington, Jan. 11.—A hearing was held by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee on a bill to place the western part of Texas in the zone for central time. The Texas Panhandle and Panhandle of Oklahoma are now in mountain time, whereas, before the new time apportionment they were in central time. Representative Jones explained that the business trend of the Texas Panhandle was with the remainder of Texas and little with New Mexico.

"Under daylight saving the Panhandle time was pushed up an hour," said Jones, "and under the new time apportionment, it has been delayed an hour, therefore when it used to be noon it is now 2 o'clock in the afternoon."

Program 5th Sunday Meeting.

Of the North Colorado Association, to be held with the Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist church in Mitchell county beginning Friday before the Fifth Sunday, in January 1921.

Friday:
7:30 Introductory sermon by C. E. Leslie.

Saturday:
9:30 Devotional by J. S. Kidd.

10:00 What is the object of a fifth Sunday meeting, W. L. Henderson and R. L. Roe.

11:00 Preaching by appointment.

1:00 Do the Scriptures teach that the Millennium will be before Christ's coming or after, J. J. F. Lockhart, Bro. Garrett.

2:00 What is the Scriptural way of doing mission work, Lee King and C. E. Leslie.

3:00 Are the Ladies aid societies in the church scriptural, L. S. Knight and Bro. McGaha.

3:30 The needs of the North Colorado Association. General discussion led by C. E. Leslie.

7:00 Devotional by W. E. Clardy.

7:30 Preaching, preacher to be supplied.

Sunday:
10:00 Sunday school.

11:00 Preaching, preacher to be supplied.

Everybody invited to attend these meetings. R. S. & P. train will be met at Foch Friday afternoon and the T. & P. at Lorraine Saturday morning.

J. H. Haggerton,
Roy Haggerton,
W. E. Clardy, Committee.

Program Parent-Teachers Assn.

Roll Call, does our school need women on its board of directors?

Why do we no longer have good spellers? Mrs. Joe Taylor.

Round Table, the best means of cultivating a desire to read good literature, Mrs. Anderson.

What is wrong with our present system of teaching English grammar, Miss Rootes.

Thursday Jan. 20 at 3 o'clock.

T. J. Shaw who has been farming near Lubbock has returned and will farm this year about three miles north of town.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, brother of J. S. Lewis of our city has arrived here from Atlanta, Texas, and has accepted a position at the oil mill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McClanahan returned Wednesday from Blooming Grove, where they had been on a visit. Mr. McClanahan had gone down about a week ago to join his wife who had been on a visit to her parents for some time.

POLL TAX ASSESSED AGAINST WOMEN

Austin, Texas, Jan. 1.—The so called better schools amendment to the Constitution which was given a majority vote in the November election provides for the assessment of the poll tax upon women in the same manner as upon men, according to opinions expressed here today by lawyers who have examined the amendment, and in the event the amendment is held valid county assessors are to levy the poll tax against women. This provision in the better schools amendment probably will obviate the necessity of further legislation on the subject of poll tax assessment as to women. It was not generally known until today that there was such a provision in the amendment.

At the Attorney General's Department it was said that the subject had not been presented and that until it had come before the department officially no opinion would be rendered.

Tax Assessor G. H. Leath has received from the Comptroller's Dept. the following instruction: "In compliance with a law passed by the Fourth called session of the Legislature granting to women the right of suffrage and imposing a poll tax on all women between the ages of 21 and 65 years, and making the same requirements for the assessments and collection of poll taxes from women as are now required of men, you are instructed that all women over 21 years of age and under 65 who have no legal exemptions, are liable for a poll tax and should be assessed."

To facilitate this work, and in order to avoid burdening the tax rolls with a duplicity of unnecessary names, you are instructed that in assessing married men and women that you assess the husband and wife with all community property owned by them and assess each with a poll tax on the same inventory."

Just a Few Words

Am charmed with the citizenship of Snyder circuit. Have three appointments in Scurry county. The first Sunday is given to Plainview school community, 11 a. m. and 5:15 p. m. The first quarterly conference for Snyder circuit will be held at that place Saturday before the First Sunday in February. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. G. S. Hardy, presiding elder. Everyone is invited. Crowder has the second Sabbath, Morning and night.

Third Sunday - Camp Springs day and night.

We go to Grady, Fisher county at 11 a. m. the fifth Sunday and to Independence at 3 p. m.

Am located at Camp Springs, the parsonage is there. Last week we met each night in cottage prayer meeting, and this week for three nights we are having cottage prayer meeting in Crowder community, are having the old hallanah kind. Come one come all.

We have received a hearty welcome all over the work, and God is graciously blessing the preacher and people. We start off hopefully with confidence in our King, and the people.

J. W. Griffin, P. C.
Snyder Circuit, Jan. 12, 1921.

Billie Lee says that his wife who was taken to Fort Worth some time ago for an operation was doing nicely and that he would probably go down today to accompany her home.

President-Elect Harding will take the oath of office in the senate chamber and all outside ceremonies planned at the capitol and elsewhere will be abandoned, according to a decision reached by the joint congressional inaugural committee.

The Princess of Mars

This is a thrilling serial that is soon to start in the Signal. Don't miss a number; if you are not a subscriber get on the list at once so that you may get started with this intensely interesting story, and if you are in arrears with the Signal renew at once, so you will not be dropped while the serial is running.

SPILLER TO ASPIRE FOR CONGRESS

Hon. James Spiller, prominent attorney of Sweetwater, was in Colorado Tuesday and spent a short time in the city on legal business. When seen by a representative of the Record and asked for a statement from him as to whether the reports of his contemplated candidacy for congress in 1922 were to be confirmed, Judge Spiller replied that they certainly could.

"It is my plan to enter the campaign for congressman in the democratic primaries of 1922," stated the Judge, "provided that the Western section of the state shall be redistricted, and I have every reason to believe that the legislature soon to be convened will appreciate the merits of this demand from their constituency throughout this section of the state. I have received numerous solicitations from various sections of Texas to consent for my name to be mentioned as candidate, but have heretofore refrained from doing so."

James Spiller was one of the most active men of the state during the year in offering his services to the government in putting over the Liberty Bond drives and otherwise campaigning. Out of recognition of his worth to the country, he was tendered an important post in the intelligence department at Washington, with the rank of major, but because of physical disqualifications, could not be finally accepted for the place. He was very active during the gubernatorial campaign, making a number of speeches in support of the candidacy of Pat Neff, and during the late summer and fall months he campaigned in Northwest Texas and New Mexico for the democratic nominee for president.

Spiller is one of the most conspicuous men of West Texas today and no doubt his candidacy will be received with interest throughout the congressional district. Before entering the practice of law, Spiller was private secretary to Senator Culberson at Washington, which position he held for five years. — Colorado Record.

Mother Wright Dead

On last Thursday, p. m. many relatives and friends followed the mortal remains of Mother Wright (mother of Mrs. C. R. Buchanan) to the quiet cemetery where the body was tenderly laid to rest in the bosom of mother earth.

Mrs. Lavina (nee Tittle) Wright was born in Dade Co., Texas, March 4, 1840. She was married to Thos. A. Wright January 5, 1862. He lived only a few years and is buried at LaPlata, Mason county, Mo. Two brothers and one sister survive the deceased; the latter Mrs. Elizabeth Hale, of Haskell, Texas, is 91 years old and in good health. Mr. B. H. Tittle lives at Walnut Springs and J. C. Tittle resides at Maudlin.

Mr. T. A. Wright was afflicted for a long time before his death; this resulted in leaving the widow poor without a home and with one small son to provide for and educate. Hard as this situation may have seemed, Mrs. Wright was undaunted. She went to work to meet the situation by hard and persistent labor; thus she provided for herself and the little daughter. In a few years (having moved to Walnut Springs, Texas) she purchased and paid for a home. She kept Alma in school until she had acquired a good education. After this, Miss Alma taught school and supplied much of the needed income, until, finally, she was married to Mr. C. R. Buchanan. Since this marriage, Mrs. Wright has had a comfortable home with the married daughter, until January 5, p. m. 1921, when the immortal spirit took its leave of the frail tenement of clay for Paradise.

The funeral service was held in the Presbyterian church Thursday at 3 p. m. by Mother Wright's pastor, Rev. Hester of the Primitive Baptist church, assisted by Bro. Wright, Bro. Hicks and the writer. Mother Wright came to be called by this name because she preferred it to that of grandma.

The subject of this article was a

very industrious, economical and faithful Christian woman. For a few short years she was a faithful wife. That she was a wise and devoted mother is made manifest by the excellent qualities of the only daughter—Mrs. C. R. Buchanan. Verily "the tree is known by its fruit." Mother Wright was an agreeable, loving and lovable neighbor. She was converted in early life and, after a few years, united with the Primitive Baptist church of which she was a faithful and consistent member to the end. She was a very practical woman. She would not spend her time in idleness, though the stronger members of the family had for years insisted that she leave off work. She was free from worldly vanity, ever keeping her mind directed toward the things that make for the higher life.

She was never pessimistic. In spite of her ripe age and failing strength she was ever cheerful. She had a touch of humor in her genial nature which displayed itself occasionally even during her last illness.

The day of her departure was an ideal one, typical of the life—the soul which was about to exchange worlds. As the day wore away the shadows began calmly to gather, she lay with face to the light and peacefully and serenely fell asleep. As she had lived, so she departed for that state and that home of purity, peace and perfection, to which we are all invited.

May our departure be as beautiful and calm as was hers.

JAS. H. TAAE.

BACK TO FARM SLOGAN ADOPTED BY UNEMPLOYED

Plans for the relief of the unemployment situation in Fort Worth were worked out Saturday at a conference between S. B. Mayfield of the Union Gospel mission, and Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mayfield said:

"Mr. Whaley promised the fullest cooperation on the part of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. Mayfield. "He will at once take up the matter with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce in 230 towns and expects to have satisfactory replies in twenty-four hours."

"Our slogan will be 'back to the farm,' which we will place on a sign over the mission door. Our efforts in co-operation with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be directed toward the placing of Ft. Worth's unemployed on the farms of West Texas. In the case of men unable to pay their own railroad fare to the place of their work, we will pay their fare to the points where the jobs are located. We are prepared to furnish any kind of farm labor."

Snyder Lady on Honor Roll

Among the students of the University of Texas listed on the honor roll just issued from the office of Dr. H. Y. Benedict, dean of the College of Arts is named Constance Buchanan of Snyder, ranked in the best four per cent in scholastic standing.

Approximately three hundred students in the College of Arts are mentioned on this honor list, in the compilation of which account is taken of both the grades made and the number of courses taken. Also, freshmen are entitled to mention with a slightly smaller score than required of other students, since the average freshman grade is lower than the average for upper-classmen.

Joyce-McBurnett

Mr. Hardin Joyce and Miss Jewell McCBurnett were married Dec. 28th, at Brownfield, Texas. Mr. Joyce is a son of Steve Joyce at one time a resident of Hermleigh. Mrs. Joyce is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCBurnett of Brownfield and is well known at Snyder. She is a granddaughter of Mr. S. R. Fickas of this city. The Signal wishes for these young people a happy and prosperous married life.

T. J. Stewart returned Tuesday from Fayette, Ala., where he has been for the past ten months. Uncle Tom says the conditions in Alabama were pretty bad.

TO ALL EX-TEXAS RANGERS--GREETING

I come today with New Year's greeting, wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year.

The New Year has brought new duties and new responsibilities upon us all, so let us all strive to be equal to every emergency, and to be able to discharge our every duty to our fellowman, and in this connection I wish to call attention to the Ex-Texas Rangers Association of Texas, organized at Weatherford, Texas, August tenth, 1920, one of the objects of which was to do what we count to secure pensions for survivors, or widows of deceased Rangers.

For this reason, I am asking all men who saw service on the frontier of Texas, prior to Dec. 31, 1890, to join the Ex-Texas Rangers Association at Weatherford, where we will have a royal time. And you may be the one man wanted to make proof for some Ex-Ranger, or his widow.

A widow failed to make proof, on account of not being able to find the second man, but at the Weatherford meeting she found a former comrade of her deceased husband, who was able to make proof positive of his service.

So you may be needed by some one, and by becoming a member of the Ex-Texas Rangers Association, it will put you in touch with you at all times and enable us to be of greater benefit to each other. And the social features are worth more than the time and money spent in attending these meetings.

It is no little thing to meet these gray headed men, and find them just as true to Texas as they were forty and fifty years ago, and to know that we are mingling with the best blood of the state. Men who took part in brushing back the obstacles in the way of the peaceful settlement of Western Texas.

To all those wishing to become members of the association, I would advise that you do not wait till the Weatherford meeting, but send your name, and present address, also your age at enlistment, letter of your company, where you joined, and when, with fifty cents, as membership fee, to Sergeant Henry Sackel, Coleman, Texas.

By this means we will be able to make a closer estimate as to the number that will attend the reunion next August and the people of Weatherford will know better how to prepare for our entertainment.

Trusting all will do their very best for our organization, and pledging the best there is in me, I am,

Yours for the old Rangers,
W. M. GREEN.
Major Commanding, Ex-Texas Rangers Association of Texas, Colorado, Texas.

New Subscribers and Renewals

Following are the new subscribers and renewals since last week: Dee Robinson, I. S. Davis, E. R. Greer, Ben Davis, Jr., Miss Neely Squyres, T. J. Embry, Mrs. S. A. Cruickshank, Luther Morrow, W. S. Upton, J. S. Head, Ira Sturdivant, J. D. Robison, C. P. Shafer, W. B. Werner, H. C. Hucklebee, H. B. Boyd, F. M. Brownfield, J. S. Bradbury, J. G. Drinkard, W. E. Callis, Snyder, N. P. Cochran, Lamesa, Mrs. Malinda Tinker, Wichita Kansas; Samuel Hendrickson, Crosby, Pa., B. E. Wagon, Terra Blanca, W. H. Richardson, Dunn, Mrs. Mary McCrary, San Juan, N. M., E. F. Smith, Austin.

County Court

County Court convened last Monday with Judge Horace Holly presiding. The docket was called. Some cases were continued and others were set for later on during this term of court. Among them was the case of J. W. Miller vs. Scurry county that was set for Jan. 24th. Monday of the 3rd week.

The financial statement of the banks of the county this week show a healthy financial condition. The combined deposits of the five banks show about a million dollars on deposit.